

# The Federal Flyer

## Bush Taps Rutter as FRA Administrator

*Governor's Transportation Policy Director to Bring Texas Perspective to USDOT*

**President George W. Bush** will nominate **Allan Rutter**, a senior Texas state transportation official, to head the Federal Railroad Administration, the White House said on Tuesday. Rutter must be confirmed by the Senate.

Rutter is currently the transportation policy director in the Texas governor's office, where he served under Bush while he was governor. Rutter also was deputy executive director of the Texas High-Speed Rail Authority from 1990 to 1995 and served as a Senior Budget Analyst from 1985 to 1990 under Texas Governors **Mark White** and **William Clements**. He is a graduate of the University of Texas and received a Master's of Public Affairs from the LBJ School at the University of Texas.

Rutter would succeed **Jolene Molitoris**, who was appointed by former President **Bill Clinton** as the agency's first woman director in 1993. She left in December.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The agency is responsible for freight and passenger rail safety. As FRA Administrator, Rutter will also oversee Amtrak, the national intercity passenger rail service, and the FRA's High Speed Rail Corridor program. The FRA has designated two high speed rail corridors in Texas: the Gulf Coast Corridor, which runs from Mobile, Alabama to Houston, and the South Central Corridor, which runs from San Antonio through Dallas/Fort Worth to Tulsa, Oklahoma and Little Rock, Arkansas.

The staff at the Texas Department of Transportation has enjoyed working with Rutter and wishes him tremendous success in his new role.



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